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# Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 30th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 22nd and 26th meetings, on 13 and 21 December 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.22 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and expenditure report for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007 (A/62/544) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/572).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.16

4. At its 26th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad" (A/C.5/62/L.16), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.16 without a vote (see para. 6).

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# III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

## Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence, and decided that the multidimensional presence should include, for a period of one year, a United Nations mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

*Recognizing* that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

*Mindful of the fact* that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

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[1] A/62/544.

[2] A/62/572.

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all the United Nations actors active in the relevant Mission area;

9. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not propose an integrated mission, and recognizes the importance of coordination and collaboration among the Mission and the United Nations actors active in the Mission area;

10. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff to be phased in order to conform to the operational needs of the Mission as it evolves and to the support capacity of the Mission, and stresses in this regard that, during a mission's start-up phase, the principal focus of the mission should be to get core capacity in place quickly;

11. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of the European Union operation and the Mission's police personnel, as well as with adequate security provision on the ground;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets contain sufficient information, justification and explanation of the proposed resource requirements relating to the Mission's operational costs to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

13. *Notes with concern* that the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based-budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions on the preparation of budgets for peacekeeping missions;

14. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

15. *Decides* to establish two posts for the Conduct and Discipline Team and two positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

16. *Approves* the utilization of general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-4 for the establishment of a Best Practices Officer position, pending consideration of the report requested in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 61/276;

17. *Stresses* the need for the best practices function to be performed from the start-up phase of the Mission, including the possibility of using the capacity of the Headquarters Best Practices Section;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

**Expenditure report for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007**

21. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

22. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 1,114,100 United States dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic, for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

**Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007**

23. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,114,100 dollars for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

24. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the advance mission for the period from 1 March to June 2007;

**Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008**

25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of the amount of 45,828,200 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A;

**Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008**

26. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008 as set out in its resolution 61/237;

27. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,537,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".